

After the members of Committee had fully expressed their views, the following resolution was moved, seconded, and adopted:—

"That the only formal application received by the Board for the Provincial Exhibition of 1878 is that of the Colchester Exhibition Committee, who propose to hold it at Truro; that the prize list offered by them embraces agricultural prizes to the extent of upwards of \$5,500; that, on examination in detail, their prize list proves to be satisfactory, (with necessary emendations, to which the delegates from Colchester have assented), it is therefore resolved by the Executive Committee of the Board that the offer of the Colchester Committee, represented by Messrs. Blair and Calkin, be accepted, and that the prize list and regulations be submitted to the Governor in Council for approval in terms of the Act."

The committee gave the necessary instructions for having the prize list, when approved of, printed and circulated without delay.

*Committee Room, Provincial Library, }
18th January, 1878. }*

The Executive Committee met at 10 a. m. Present: all the members.

Messrs. Longworth and Starratt, Auditors, gave in their report upon the Treasurer's Accounts for the past year, which had been audited and found correct. Balance \$1559.62. Several accounts were examined and passed, and ordered to be paid.

The Treasurer was authorized to draw the balance of Legislative grant for 1877, viz.: \$6,000.00, in order to meet the grants payable to Agricultural Societies now due for the past year.

The Committee had under consideration the propriety of offering Prizes for Grains at the approaching Poultry Show, but, as it appeared there would not be time to give sufficient notice throughout the grain-growing counties of the Province, no action was taken.

The Secretary stated that he had been applied to by Mr. Selwyn for specimens of Grains for the Paris Exhibition, and that Members of the Board had interested themselves in procuring a suitable representation of our Grain Crops.

A sub-committee appointed to examine the Report of Prizes awarded at the Provincial Exhibition held at Kentville, Oct., 1877, reported; and, in accordance with their report, the following resolution was adopted:—

Whereas, It appearing that the Kentville committee offered \$5,414 for prizes at the Provincial Exhibition of 1877, and only paid \$4,412.75, showing a saving of \$1,002.25; and it also appearing that the Judges recommended some 26 odd special prizes or honorary awards to exhibitors who either did not or were not entitled by regulation to take money prizes, which prizes or awards recommended by the judges the committee decided not to pay for want of funds, except in case

of \$5, paid in Class 3, Sheep, for a special prize to King's County Central Agricultural Society, there being two other special awards in this class,—the Board regrets that the committee were unable to make further money prizes as recommended, and in case of all future Exhibitions where the funds from Exhibition will not admit of Judges recommendation for further money awards being paid, that provision should be made to carry out their views by printed Honorary Certificates, which, to many exhibitors, would be equally satisfactory, and, at the same time, comply with the Judges' reports.

The Secretary was directed to issue blanks to all Societies in the Province participating in the Legislative grant, for returns of all thorough-bred animals in their districts, in order that the information may be furnished at the approaching meeting of the House of Assembly; no animal to be recognized as thorough bred unless recorded in the register kept by the Board.

Also, Resolved, That the Board recommend to the Government and Legislature that they be authorized to pay grants in future only to such Societies as own thorough-bred animals, or are engaged, by special sanction of the Board, in promoting agricultural improvement in some other substantial manner.

The Committee resumed examination of Annual Return of Societies:—

DIGBY COUNTY.

Digby County Agricultural Society—Members, 109. Subscriptions \$109. Balance at end of 1876, \$107.12. Carried forward as \$106.12. Explanation to be asked for. Passed.

Clare Agricultural Society. No return. Disqualified.

GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Milford Haven Agricultural Society—Members, 53. Subscriptions, \$75. Passed.

Guysborough Agricultural Society—Members, 49. Subscriptions, \$62. Charge of \$63.41 for seeds and freight to be explained. Passed.

Glenelg Agricultural Society. Members, 40. Subscriptions \$40. Secretary to ask for fuller statement of accounts, date to which keep of bulls has been paid to Mr. McKeen, amount of subscriptions by members paid in 1877 not credited, also amount laid out by Goshen Committee, and how, and what became of money realized. All funds at annual meeting should be in hands of Treasurer, (not Committees.) Consideration deferred, pending enquiry.

Argyle Agricultural Society—Members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40. Passed.

HALIFAX COUNTY.

Halifax County Agricultural Society—Members, 61. Subscriptions, \$64. Explanation required from Treasurer as to small amount of subscriptions credited.

Lower Musquodoboit Agricultural Society Members, 45. Subscriptions, \$45. Passed.

Upper Musquodoboit Agricultural Society—Members, 42. Subscriptions, \$42. Passed.

The Committee adjourned till 2.30 p. m.

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1878, 2.30 p. m. }*

Examinations of Annual Returns of Societies resumed.

HANTS COUNTY.

Windsor Agricultural Society—Members, 40. Subscriptions, \$80. Passed.

Nine Mile River and Hardwoodland Agricultural Society. Members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40. Passed.

Union Agricultural Society—Members, 69. Subscriptions, \$71.

Enfield Agricultural Society—Members, 40. Subscriptions, \$60. Attention to be called to fact that the same person holds both offices of President and Treasurer, which is not in accordance with the Act. Society also to be notified to discontinue *Grade* bulls.

Fenwick Agricultural Society of Noel. Fuller details to be asked for respecting seeds purchased and sales, also why balance of \$304 of 1876 is not brought forward. Returns should be attested (by preference) before a Magistrate who is not an officer of the Society. Members, 40. Subscriptions, \$40.

Upper Nine Mile River Agricultural Society—Members, 24. Subscriptions, \$24. Not qualified.

Newport Agricultural Society—Members, 40. Subscriptions, 47.

INVERNESS COUNTY.

Mabou and Port Hood Agricultural Society—Members, 76. Subscriptions, \$76.

North-East Margaree Agricultural Society—Members, 47. Subscriptions, \$47. The Board cannot commend the outlay of Society on grade bulls. Passed.

KING'S COUNTY.

King's County Agricultural Society—Members, 57. Subscriptions, \$74. Passed.

Farmers' Society of N. B. Cornwallis—Members, 42. Subscriptions, \$84. Explanation of accounts required. Passed.

Aylesford Agricultural Society—Members, 62. Subscriptions, \$127.25. Society should send pedigree of thorough-bred bull to Secretary of Board. Passed.

King's County Central Agricultural Society—Members, 59. Subscriptions, \$118. Enquiry to be made as to number of bulls kept at cost of \$252.75, in explanation of Secretary's account. Amount of Government grant does not tally. Report to be returned, and objectionable comments on Judges at Provincial Exhibition should be re-called, as Board declines to give currency to such remarks.

West Cornwallis Agricultural Society—Members, 52. Subscriptions, \$91. Accounts require explanation. Passed.

LUNenburg COUNTY.

Mahone Bay Agricultural Society—Members, 54. Subscriptions, \$54. Particulars required of "Exhibition prize money," and of bull kept.

New Ross Agricultural Society—Members, 50. Subscriptions, \$40. Passed.

Centreville Agricultural Society—Members 44. Subscriptions, \$44. Explanation to be made to this Society that when funds are expended on seeds, the latter should be sold to members not under cost and charges.